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Christian J. Otto Farm  
New German  
Private

late 19th century

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Jacob Otto Farm

AND/OR COMMON

William Warnick Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Lower New Germany Rd., W side, 1.2 mi. N of Twin Churches Rd.

CITY, TOWN

New Germany

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William Mahlon Warnick

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 172

Folio #: 445

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The facade (NE elevation) has a symmetrical 5 bay, center door arrangement with a central cross gable and a one bay entrance porch. 4/4 sash windows with plain board surrounds and molded drip boards light the first and second floor levels, while a four-pane casement with a similar surround pierces the gable. The entrance porch sits on a high foundation, four square posts with molded capitals supporting its shed roof.

The southeast endwall is pierced by four 4/4 sash windows, two per floor, and a four-pane casement in the gable. A concrete block garage with a sheltered patio above it has been added to the northwest endwall. The door that leads from the patio into the house may possibly be original but the windows on this wall have been altered. The first floor window has been reduced in size, and the two second floor windows have had their original sash replaced with 3/1 lights.

The rear wall of the building is masked by a 1½ story, shed-roofed frame addition and a one story, shed-roofed, concrete block addition.

The roof is covered with diamond-shaped asphalt shingles and has a box cornice with partial gable end returns and a plain board frieze. Two interior brick chimneys project from the ridgeline, one at each endwall.

An undated photograph (included with the negatives for this site) shows a 1½ story, log wing attached to the northwest endwall of the house. The present owners report having this structure removed several years ago due to extensive termite damage.

The washhouse is a gable-roofed, stud and rail structure resting on hewn sills. Its exterior is covered with vertical boards, and a stone chimney rises from the center of the building.

The cave (root cellar) is set into the side of a hill and consists of a stone structure with a frame, shed-roofed covering. Although the interior was inaccessible, the exterior of the masonry reveals a barrel vault that is incorporated into the structure for support.

The hog pen is an oblong, gable-roofed, board and batten building on a foundation of uncoursed, roughly cut stone.

The barn is a gable-roofed, frame structure with a forebay across the rear and a coursed, roughly squared stone foundation. Its frame is constructed by hewn lumber mortise and tenoned together. The owners report that the initials A.J.F. and the date 1900 are painted on one of the interior beams. Vertical board siding sheathes the exterior. The forebay has recently been enclosed with concrete block.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      late 19th c.

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Christian J. Otto Farm is a good example of a late nineteenth century farm site complete with outbuildings.

The original settler on this property is thought to have been Jacob Otto, the resident of the log dwelling.<sup>1</sup> C.J. Otto supposedly had the frame house built, and Asa Fresh, a subsequent owner raised the barn.<sup>2</sup>

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**<sup>1</sup>See negative #19 of log structure, for this site.<sup>2</sup>Interview with Mr. & Mrs. William M. Warnick, 5 June 1981.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



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 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
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Facade: SE & NE elevations





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Rear: NW & SW elevations